

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
PARK COMMISSION
September 11, 2012

Call to Order: Chairperson George Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:58 P.M. Roll was taken. Members present included Bill Bursaw, Mai Herr, Liesle Dille-Markavitch, Scott Miles, George Snyder and Duane Zeichert. Burt Nitzke was excused. Also present were Becky Paul and Julie Hanson from the Rib Mountain Summer Program and Scott Turner, Streets and Parks Superintendent. (Scott was introduced to the Commission by George S who welcomed him to his new position.)

Approval of Minutes: Bill B made a motion and Liesle M seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2012 meeting. The motion passed.

Streets and Parks Report: Scott T handed out a “to do list” that he has developed. The idea is to set aside money each year to do these smaller projects (for example: replacing the logs at Rookery Park, repairing shingles at Chellis Park, etc.). He will provide updates on the work/projects on his list. Bill B described one thing that should be added to the list and that is controlling the invasive “garlic mustard” weed that he noted at the top of the Rib Mountain (Bone and Joint) trail. The best practice is to remove it because mowing does not eliminate the problem - the seeds can continue to produce the invasive weeds for up to seven years. Duane Z asked about the locks at Doepke Park. Cameras have been installed and a lock company will be contacted to install the new locks. Scott reported that the new infrared cameras and new lighting is now in place at the shelter at Doepke Park.

Liberty Park Equipment/Installation: The new playground equipment is installed at Liberty Park. The alignment is slightly different than planned to fit the playground area. A cement bench is now on a slab. The wood chips will need to be replaced every few years according to Scott T. George S stopped to talk with families playing on the equipment. They commented that ... “When the Town says that it is going to do something, it gets done.” (Two additional swings will be added once they arrive.)

Summer Program: Becky Paul head teacher for the 2012 Summer Program and her assistant, Julie Hanson handed out a summary report from this summer’s program. They reported that there were 15 more children that

participated in the 2012 program (96 students were registered for the program). More students attended in the afternoon with the highest total reaching 58 participants. This was a large number of kids aged 6 – 12. There were two afternoons cancelled because of extreme heat. The program was very successful according to Becky and Julie. There were many positive comments from parents and children. Becky is recommending that we hire additional staff to help handle the larger afternoon numbers, we increase the charge for the program, which is currently \$40, and possibly limiting the age range. Becky will return after the Commission has a chance to review her report. A motion was made by Scott M and seconded by Liesle M to accept the report with a thank you for a great job. The motion passed.

Donor Plaque: George S checked with Tom Passow about updating the donor plaque at the Doepke Park shelter. George noted that Wayne Syzmanski's name should be added to the contributor plaque.

Non-Profit Brochure: The IRS has now approved the Town's non-profit status. The draft brochure should now be finalized and printed. Scott M made a motion to update the brochure and print it as a final document. It was seconded by Bill B. Liesle M will e-mail Gaylene about updating and getting estimates of costs. The motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. George commented that the extra money from the shelter rentals may be available to update the donor plaque at the Doepke Shelter.

Nominating Committee: Bill B. agreed to head the nominating committee. Scott M will help if needed.

Open discussion: Scott T noted the soccer nets in the woods at Liberty and asked about removing them.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bill B and seconded by Duane Z. The motion passed.